

Pieces of Eight

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A word from the CO

Welcome to the second installment of 'Pieces of Eight'. Once again, we're including a variety of pictures so you can follow our progress and the well being of our staff. We are doing well and have settled into our training routine.

We've recently begun receiving mail and this has been a big morale boost. Capt. Hunter has sent me many of the local newspaper articles and news from the hospital, and I've been posting this for all to see. Thanks for writing and keep those letters and packages coming!

On Monday, March 3, we promoted Capt. Ken Klions and Capt. Chris Olch to their current ranks. It was a festive ceremony and only the first of what will be many promotion ceremonies while we're here. That Friday, March 7, we recognized 14 of our Sailors with a variety of awards. Some were earned here while others were received for their accomplishments from Naval Hospital Bremerton and other past duty stations. Receiving Navy Achievement Medals for their extraordinary work in setting up the Fleet Hospital were SK2 Ronald Musni, SK2 John Byrd, UT2 Douglas McAnaw, CM2 Daniel Johnson, HM3 Darin Taylor, and HM3 Thomas Griffin.

Our First Class Petty Officer Association, headed by HM1 Pat Graves, has headed up the 'Camp Ocho Fandango' barbecue pit onboard the SEAHut compound. This has been good for morale and gives our staff a fun option where we live.

The Directors, Chiefs and others on the leadership team have begun preparing for the arrival of our next group. Rest assured you will have berthing, messing and plenty of work when you arrive. The next site is about four blocks from where we work and very near where we now live. We look forward to welcoming many of our friends and shipmates to the FH-8 team – we'll be here to meet you with open arms.

Thanks again to our shipmates and family members for their thoughts and prayers.

CAPT Pat Kelly
CO, FH-8

What do you want to see in this newsletter?

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Sunset over the laundry huts at the camp is sometimes very beautiful. The sun is beginning to set later in the evening, after 7 p.m. now. With Spring on the way, the days will continue to get longer, until 10 p.m. is the time for sunset. The weather is warming a bit with 60s during the day, but still in the 40-50 degree range at night.



The hospital is complete. All of the equipment has been placed in the workspaces.



Fleet Hospital Eight's first awards ceremony